Seizure of Fodder Machines by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has recently seized 54 Fodder producing machines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that import of these Fodder machines was in violation of the ad-hoc duty exemption order;

(c) if so,what are the details in this regard ; and

(d) what steps have been taken against those who are involved in this case?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) to (d) The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have in January, 1990 detained 57 Fodder producing machines valued at approximately Rs. 10.8 crores on the following grounds.

(i) In respect of 50 machines, the importer M/s. Sanjeevani Fodder Production Pvt. Ltd. had apparently not observed the conditions of the adhoc exmption order under which these machines and their spares had been imported.

(ii) 5 machines were apparently fabricated from the spares imported along with the above fifty machies in contravention of the *adhoc* exemption order and

(iii) No documents were produced showing ilicit import of 2 machines.

A show cause notice has since been issued by the Collector of Customs, Madras on 12-2-90 seeking the recovery of customs duty of about Rs. 3.4 crores leviable on the above machines, confiscation of the machines as well as imposition of penalty on the concerned firms/persons.

Export commitment of Pepsi Foods

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Financial Express of 10th February, 1990 regarding Pepsi Project ;

(b) if so, whether all the exports through Pepsi World Trade are to be taken into account for the export commitment of Pepsi Foods ; and

(c) what are the items of exports which are likely to go towards fulfilling the export commitments?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) One of the conditions of the Letter of Intent granted to